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Via ECFS  
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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I just read the release on USTelecom website called Forbearance: Its Not 1996 Anymore

We are talking copper wires here, so we are not too far away from 1996. I live in a city of about 60,000. Comcast has a monopoly on cable internet here. ATT owns the copper wires and offers a DSL. There is a 3rd company, called Sonic.net, that also offers a DSL over the same copper wires. Sonic offers a product that is about 10 times better than ATT. We are not talking major speeds here ( 1 mbs vs 10mbs), but for the same price, you can actually stream a youtube video. There are many retirees in my neighborhood that need to be on the internet, but can't afford broadband. Sonic has also been busy running their own fiber lines throughout our county and my town. I have seen their trucks and they have stopped in to where I work to do business. If forbearance is passed, it would harm the only chance to break the broadband monopoly here. Sonic needs what it makes from DSL to help pay for all that they are doing. No, it is not 1996 anymore, in another 5 years, there will be no copper wires. The way I see it, why mess with what is working, and let the wires die in peace. NO on the Forbearance Petition

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